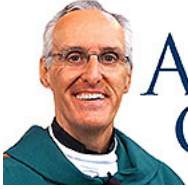




May 5, 2024 | Sixth Sunday of Easter



**ALL
OF US**

**Fr. Larry's
Weekly Letter
#564**

COMING AND GOING, AND COMING AGAIN



What is unique about our parish is that we have about 100 parishioners who come into to our parish and about another 100 parishioners who leave our parish every year. Some folks are only with us for a short time, maybe for just a few years, before they get relocated because of school, or work, or an opportunity to purchase a new home out in the suburbs. Unlike other Catholic parishes, ours is a very transitional one.

Good people are here now, and then they are gone. This is especially true of our young adult population.

Our “*Family of Families*” is constantly changing. As you can imagine, this presents several challenges when it comes to ministering to our parish’s spiritual needs on a

long-term basis. It is also difficult as people become actively engaged in the life of the parish and then, sadly have to leave. This means that our Parish Staff is constantly looking for new people to engage to keep our parish vibrant.

Sophia, and her boyfriend Trevor, took me out to lunch last week to say goodbye. It was a bitter- sweet moment. Sophia is moving back to Minnesota to live with her folks, and Trevor will be moving to Boston this summer to get his degree from Harvard’s School of Business.

I met Sophia and Trevor three years ago when they, and two of their friends, moved into to the Old Town Park Towers right behind St. Joseph Church. Sophia’s apartment actually looked right down on the back of St. Joseph’s Church. I often kidded her that there was no reason for her and her possie of friends to be late for Mass on Sunday.

At lunch Sophia said, “I’m all packed, and I leave tomorrow. Trevor is going to drive the truck. We got movers to load the truck for us.

One of the hardest things about moving is having to leave the parish. We really liked it here. We liked going to church. We got a lot out of the Mass, especially the music and the homilies. We are going to miss it. Our time here was very rewarding. We just want to thank you for everything.”

The last thing Sophia did before taking-off to Minnesota on Saturday, was text me a picture from her apartment window. She gave a nice thumbs-up to St. Joseph’s on her way out.

Saying goodbye is never easy. It’s even harder when our lives have been woven together and good friendships have been formed.

One of the ways that I know that we are “doing ‘parish’ right” is when it is hard for people to leave our faith community. It is good to know that in just a short time

that we became a spiritual home for someone. In some way we made a spiritual impact that allowed them to come closer to Jesus.

Because our parish family is constantly evolving, I become more and more mindful and grateful for those who are here today in the pews. I realize that our time together in life is limited and precious because of the various paths that come our way.

Knowing that we may not always be together, calls us to be even more intentional to make the best of what God has given us. Let us appreciate the people that God puts into our life, and enjoy the journey of faith we take together, today.

IT'S A GIRL!

Thank you to all who were able to donate to Burundi Refugee Family Baby Shower. Your generosity has been absolutely fabulous! Our parish has been able to provide some well-needed supplies for Baby Arakaza.

The Burundi family, that is composed of mom and dad, a 13 year old boy in a wheelchair, and a 2-year-old girl, will be joining us this Sunday at our 11:00 a.m. Mass. The baby shower will take place right after the Mass. This will be a great opportunity to meet and welcome our refugee family, and to listen to their incredible story.

Thank you for being so good to them!

MAKING RADICAL HOSPITALITY HAPPEN

*Jesus said to his disciples,
"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments,
you will remain in my love,
just as I kept my Father's commandments,
and remain in his love.
This is my commandment:
love one another as I love you.*

At all of our Masses this weekend, our homilies will focus on the importance of offering hospitality, welcome and a sense of belonging to all. This invitation echoes Jesus'

command to love one another. Radical hospitality, when done well, can have a huge impact upon the spirit and life of a parish.

It is obvious in the bible that Jesus frequently joined others for a meal. To the shock and dismay of the religious leaders he welcomed everyone- even the lost, the sinners, the ugly and the undesirable. He gave special attention to those who were often overlooked and ignored. He showed them dignity and respect, knowing and believing that we are all "children of God."

How can you foster the sense of hospitality and welcome in our parish? Can you introduce yourself to the person who is always sitting next to you in the pew at Mass? What would it take get to know them better? Can you meet other parishioners after Mass when coffee and donuts are offered? Can you hold someone else in your prayer?

Often those who are visiting our parish for the first time tell me that they feel automatically welcomed. They describe our community as warm and friendly, instead of one that is cold and stuffy.

I guess one way of looking at it is that all of us are on the Parish Welcoming Committee. Radical hospitality is not going to happen if it is assigned to just a handful of people.

Fx. Larry

Sign up for eGiving

eGiving is a secure and convenient way of giving to Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parish. It is eco-friendly and cost-saving. Just click **HERE** and to make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation.

To all our faithful parishioners who give their time, talent and treasure— thank you for your generosity!

A family of families



Noah Alexander Hellrung
Baptized Saturday, April 27th
Joseph and Izabella Hellrung



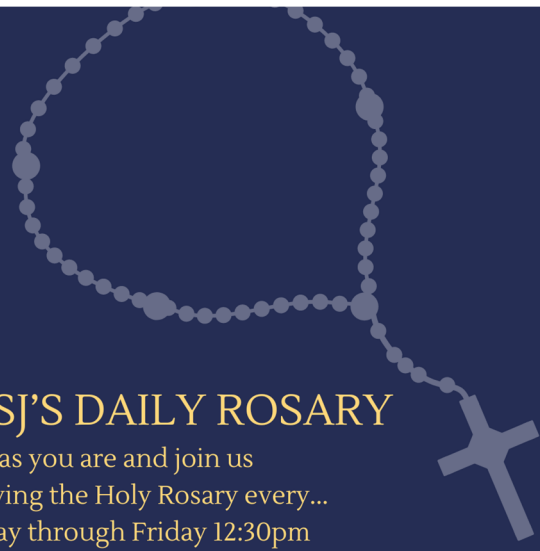
Dominick Amalrag & Elizabeth Abbs
Married Saturday, April 27th
St. Joseph Church
Rev. Lawrence Lisowski presided



Oliver Falcon Jewell
Baptized Saturday, April 27th
Robert and Vanessa Jewell



Calvin James Healy
Baptized Sunday, April 28th
James & Jacqueline Healy



ICSJ'S DAILY ROSARY
Come as you are and join us
in praying the Holy Rosary every...
Monday through Friday 12:30pm
Saturday and Sunday at 7:30am
No experience needed. We will guide you.
Pick up a card in the back of church that looks like
this page for the zoom meeting ID and password or
email Angela at agore@icsjparish.org or
call (312)787-7174 ext 1

The children from our parish,
ICSJ Religious Education and School,
receive Jesus in their First Holy Communion on Saturday
May 4th, 2024.



<i>Quinn Anderson</i>	<i>Evelyn Keesee</i>
<i>Theodore Bartlett</i>	<i>Andrew Lindeke</i>
<i>Marco Berroya</i>	<i>Macie Lomas</i>
<i>Juliet Brusznicki</i>	<i>Santino Lopez</i>
<i>Elinor Brusznicki</i>	<i>Angelo Maggioni</i>
<i>Morgan Coduto</i>	<i>Hunter Mickelson</i>
<i>Erin Coutney</i>	<i>John Pensinger</i>
<i>Kennon Daly</i>	<i>Avery Perez</i>
<i>Nash Franz</i>	<i>Harper Seals</i>
<i>Katherine Goetz</i>	<i>Jacob Shim</i>
<i>Andrew Goetz</i>	<i>Eloise Skawski</i>
<i>Delaney Holtrop</i>	<i>Isabella Speh</i>
<i>Hugo Hotz</i>	<i>Colette Tole</i>
<i>Ada Iams</i>	<i>David Vieyra</i>

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION
Show **single moms**
they are **not alone**
THIS MONTH, AND ALL YEAR LONG.




CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Archdiocese of Chicago

Being a mom today can be hard, especially when struggling to make ends meet. At Catholic Charities, we help mothers across Lake and Cook counties overcome challenges and find stability all year round so they—and their children—can thrive. Join us!



Donate to bring hope to moms today!

- **Give securely** at catholiccharities.net/donate
- **Mail a check** using your parish's Catholic Charities envelopes
- **Scan the QR code** to the left

catholiccharities.net

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Spring 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May is a month to remember and celebrate the mothers and mother figures in our lives. These women—on whom all generations depend—are essential to the fullness of God’s plan for human life.

May is also the month when we celebrate the important work of our Catholic Charities. Helping mothers in need is core to our Catholic faith and a cornerstone mission for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Whether they be single mothers, mothers of children with special needs, foster mothers, or mothers who are migrants, we help them and their children.

Your generous donation to the Mother’s Day Collection for Catholic Charities enables this urgent work. Catholic Charities was founded more than a century ago by the Archdiocese to help those in need in Cook and Lake counties. As the largest provider of human services in our region, Catholic Charities serves nearly 400,000 people annually. This tremendous reach of services is only possible through your generous support.

Each year I call on our parishes to support Catholic Charities, and so I encourage you to be generous by contributing, either:

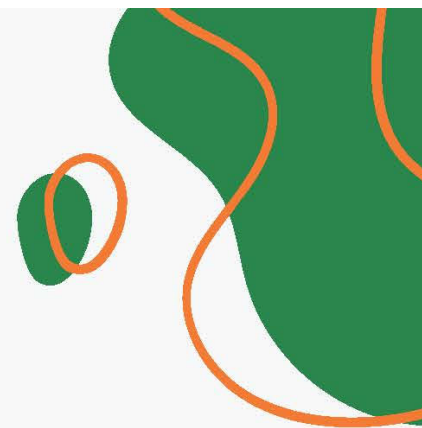
- In-person during the second collection on Mother’s Day weekend, May 11-12
- Online at catholiccharities.net/donate
- By mail to Catholic Charities, P.O. Box 8275, Carol Stream, IL 60197-8275.

Thank you for your on-going support and partnership. May Mary, our Mother whom we honor in May, continue to inspire us to take up the mission of her Son with joyful enthusiasm.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

May is Mental Health Awareness Month



We invite all as a community of faith to pray for those struggling with mental illness this month.

Pray the Rosary

We invite as many as possible to pray the rosary on May 15th, the Feast Day of St Dymphna, the patron saint of people with mental illnesses. Whether you pray as a group or individually on May 15th, we hope we can use that day as a show of solidarity and support for those who are experiencing mental health concerns and for their families.

Pray the Novena from the USCCB

We also invite you to say a novena in May for people with mental illnesses and their families developed by the US Bishops Conference last November. Each day of the Novena reflects on a theme related to mental health, or a particular population significantly affected by mental health challenges. The Novena can also be found QR code below or visit the commission website www.catholicmhm.org/prayer-resources



The Association of
Catholic Mental
Health Ministers



**For resources and information visit the
Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers website at
www.catholicmhm.org**





Sing sweetly on
Mother's Day

Join our volunteer choir in celebrating Mother's Day on May 12.

Women's Choir

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception

Men's Choir

11am Mass at St. Joseph



2024 Summer Organ Masses
8am - St. Joseph Church | 1107 N. Orleans St.

MAY 5, 2024
JUNE 2, 2024
JULY 7, 2024
AUGUST 4, 2024

Join us for a reflective Mass featuring hit tunes and hymns played on our historic organ. We hope you will join us for a refreshing Mass experience!

SUMMER *Volunteer Choir*

Join us for our summer volunteer choir opportunity. Rehearse before Mass at Immaculate Conception Church on any of the dates you are available. Sign-up below to receive an email reminder and PDF ahead of time for practice. Email jstracek@icsjparish.org for more details.

**2ND SATURDAY MAY THROUGH AUGUST
5PM MASS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

SATURDAY, MAY 10

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

SATURDAY, JULY 13

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

Scan to
sign-up





SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, May 19th

Larrypalooza!



**Join us for Larrypalooza!, celebrating Fr. Larry's
40th Ordination Anniversary**

Come together with friends and family for an afternoon of fun, food,
and festivities as we celebrate Fr. Larry's four decades of priestly service.

Save the date and let's make this celebration one to remember!

Sunday, May 19th • 12-2pm
ICSJ School Hill Street Gymnasium

More details to come!

BE STILL

God's Great Love

ICSJ Women's Retreat

june 20-23

AND KNOW

SAVE THE DATE!

For more information contact
Elly at erodriguez@icsjparish.org



DOLPHIN DAYS

NEWS FROM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - ST. JOSEPH



A FEW OF THE THINGS THAT MAKE ICSJ SCHOOL SO SPECIAL...

Our Unique Co-Teaching Model – 2 Certified teachers in each PreK3 – 3rd Grade Classroom

Faith Based Curriculum – Daily Religion class period, plus Catholic principles integrated throughout the day

Average Student to Teacher Ratios – PreK3 - Kindergarten 10:1, Primary Grades 12:1, and Middle School 20:1

Higher Standards – Since 2005, ICSJ’s Early Childhood Program has consistently earned NAEYC accreditation

Exemplar Academic Results – Students across all tested grade levels (K-8) regularly in the top 10-15% on iReady Tests

High School Placement – Graduates are prepared for and earn spots at the top high schools in Chicago (95% 1st choice)

Athletics and Extracurriculars – League Sports Teams offered from 4th - 8th and dozens of clubs and enrichment offerings

Specials / Practical Fine Arts at All grade Levels – Art, Music, STEM, Spanish and Physical Education from PrK3 - 8th

Extended School Day Program – Before and After School Care taught by ICSJ teachers available at both campuses

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Join us for an upcoming
ADMISSIONS TOUR

Friday, March 22 | 9 AM
Thursday, April 18 | 9 AM

RSVP on our school website at
www.ICSJSchool.org
or, by scanning
the QR code -->

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

**TOT
PROGRAM**

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9:30 - 11 AM

For Toddlers &
Their Caregivers

Final 8-week Session
begins April 9!

[www.icsjschool.org/
apps/pages/totprogram](http://www.icsjschool.org/apps/pages/totprogram)

TRY A FREE CLASS!
Contact Jodi at
312-944-0304 Ext. 312

Learn more about Immaculate Conception-St. Joseph School at www.icsjschool.org!



**STEWARDSHIP
UPDATE**

Nancy Gies
Parish Business Manager



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
AND ST. JOSEPH PARISH

A family of families

Your giving is important.

Your Easter donation helps us pay our bills (*over 90% of our operating budget comes from your donations*) and continue to do the good work that we do. We offer three easy ways to give:

1. Online

You can make one-time or recurring contributions on our GiveCentral page by using this QR code or by visiting



www.rebrand.ly/GiveToday-To-ICSJ

2. Venmo

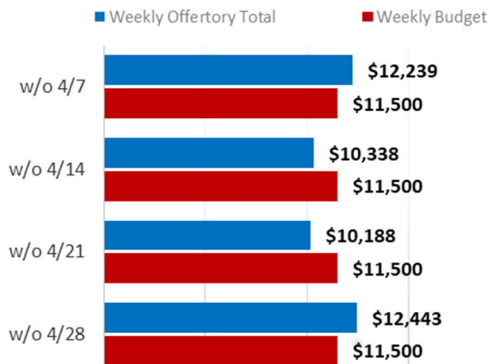
Send your payments to either venmo@icsjparish.org or the username **ICSJ-Chicago**

3. By Mail

Mail your checks to
ICSJ Parish
1107 N. Orleans Street
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Thank you for your loyalty and support!

Weekly Offertory - April 2024

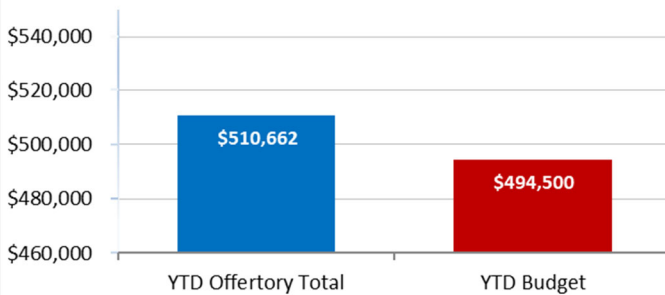


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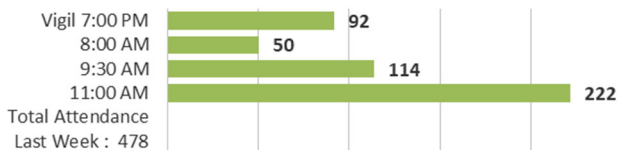
It takes \$3,093 per day to run our parish.

Fiscal Year Budget to Date

Parish Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30



Attendance for 4/27 & 4/28



Mass Intentions

week of May 4-10

Saturday, May 4

5pm at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry McBrady:

Mary Elizabeth Buttita

Sunday, May 5

8am at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Lance Dent

Sunday, May 5

9:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception with

Fr. Larry Lisowski:

For the healing of Natalie Davies

Sunday, May 5

11am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry McBrady:

For Ed Buczkowski on his 89th Birthday

Earl Quinn

Monday, May 6

9am Mass at St. Joseph Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Julie Reynolds Shaw

Wednesday, May 8

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry Lisowski:

Pat McNicholas

Friday, May 10

9am Mass at St. Joseph with Fr. Larry McBrady:

Jesse Scutchfield

What is a Mass Intention?

Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph parish offers the possibility for you to request that a Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose, for example, for a deceased person or a living person who is ill or in thanksgiving for a favor received. An intention can also be made for an occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need, or it can be directed to a cause, such as an increase of vocations or respect for life. Usually, a single intention is attached to a given Mass. But it is also possible to gather several intentions in one Mass with exactly the same effect.

To request a Mass Intention, please visit www.icsjparish.org/mass-intentions or call Angela at the parish office (312)787-7174 ext 1.

Prayer Request

Every month, we receive dozens of prayer requests on our website. No matter where you live in the world, you are invited to share your needs with those who have committed to pray on your behalf. Please visit www.icsjparish.org/the-prayer-connection to submit a prayer Request. To join our ICSJ prayer ministry, email Angela at agore@icsjparish.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Consider taking advantage of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Going to confession is great for one's soul. Receive the wonderful gift of healing and peace that our God longs for us to have in our life.

Contact Fr. Larry, at pastor@icsjparish.org, to schedule a time to meet.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
AND ST. JOSEPH PARISH

A family of families

OUR VISION

WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

Inspired by God's great love,
we are called to be the
face of Jesus in today's world,
welcoming all to
our Family of Families,
and walking as disciples
through our works of
compassion and mercy.

OUR MISSION

HOW DO WE GET THERE?

We will be
disciples on a joyful mission,
constantly committed
anew to praying,
serving, growing, sharing
and belonging
in Jesus' name.

Be the Face of Jesus and change the world!



PRAY

Imagine having a deep, rich prayer life
which brings clarity, comfort, hope and joy
into your life and to others!



GROW

Imagine feeling really close with God,
who loves you always!



SERVE

Imagine being God's hands and feet in
this world, that desperately needs
help and healing!



SHARE

Imagine brimming with faith and God's love
so that it spills over into every relationship
and aspect of your life!



BELONG

Imagine creating a diverse, loving community
where everyone is welcomed and
appreciated for who they are!

Visit icsjparish.org/mission
for ideas on taking the next step!



Welcome

Inspired by God's great love, we are called to be the face of Jesus in today's world, welcoming all to our Family of Families, and walking as disciples through our works of compassion and mercy.

Our Two Places of Worship



Immaculate Conception Church

1431 N. North Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60610



Free parking available in church parking lot; street parking also available.

St. Joseph Church

1107 N. Orleans Street, Chicago, IL 60610



Street parking available; free parking available across the street at ICSJ School, 363 W. Hill St.

Mass Schedule

Sunday

8:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Church

9:30 a.m. – Immaculate Conception Church

11:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Church

Saturday

5:00 p.m. – Immaculate Conception Church

Monday • Wednesday • Friday

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Church

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
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North Park Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesday 4:00-8:00 p.m.,
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

For questions regarding Weddings, Registration, Mass Intentions, Baptisms, Giving, volunteering, and other general information, please visit our website or call the Parish Office.

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